Disciplinary action against the workers of S. E. C. L. Baikunthpur Area

1873. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that disciplinary action is being taken by the management of SECL Baikunthpur Area, particularly at Bhatgaon and Katkona collieries against the workers for participating in the 15-20 March All-India Coal workers strike;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the management have received any representation from the workmen/union in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by the management thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No disciplinary action has been taken against any employee of Baikunthpur Area for mere participation in strike. However, during the period of strike, cases of misconduct of different nature by 10 workers of Baikunthpur and Bhatgaon were reported. These workers were charge-sheeted by the management. Of them, 4 were subsequently placed under suspension. None of the worker is from Katkona colliery.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Representations from the above charge-sheeted workers and unions were received and also suitably replied to by the management. The suspended workers have since been allowed to resume duty.

LPG Facility for domestic use in Tripura

1874. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of towns in Tripura where L.P.G. facility is available to the consumers for domestic use through regular dealers; and

(b) which are the towns/places likely to be provided with this facility during the current year and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Domestic LPG facility is at present available through regular distributorships in six towns in the state of Tripura.

(b) In addition to the above, the oil industry has proposed to set up an LPG distributorship at Shantir Bazar. As various steps precede the actual commissioning of a LPG distributorship, it is not possible to indicate the exact time by which this distributorship would be commissioned.

PCOs in West Bengal

1875. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Public Call Offices in different major towns of West Bengal; and

(b) the town-wise number of such PCOs to be opened in West Bengal during the year 1988-89 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) There are 1728 Public Call Offi-